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REPORT

TOPIC Military Activity in the Northern Portion of the Soviet Zone

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At 0500 on 8 October 1954, a train with 8 M-31 rocket launchers and an undetermined number of trucks [] left the Rathenow-Nord railroad station for Dessau-Rosslau. 1
2. On 13 October a considerable amount of billeting and signal equipment was stored at the Wolmirstedt railroad station. More equipment arrived on 4 trucks []
3. At 1630 on 14 October, a train of 20 flatcars with sideracks and 15 boxcars carrying boards, logs, beams, trucks [] and personnel arrived at the Biederitz railroad station. The train came from the direction of Magdeburg. 2
4. On 13 and 14 October, signal equipment and truck [] were stored at the Guesen railroad station northeast of Burg.
5. On 14 October, 5 trucks carrying bridge building equipment passed through Burg and proceeded westward. 3
6. On 13 October, artillery firing at battery level was heard from the Altengrabow training grounds. 4
7. At 0900 on 18 October, one truck each was loaded in the Siegfeld Kaserne (4782) and the Ludendorff Kaserne (4783) in Stahnsdorf. At 1030, 11 radio trucks towing 2 power units, 3 trucks with cables, poles and bedsteads and 1 field kitchen were seen on the Stahnsdorf-Saarmund road, headed toward southwest. At 1200, the radio stations including antennas and radio trucks were no longer seen west of the Ludendorff Kaserne. On 20 October, one of the three radio stations north of the Schlieffen Kaserne (4781) had been removed. 5

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1. Comment. The train carried 2 batteries of the 25th Gds RL Brig. The place of destination of the shipment could not be confirmed []

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2. Comment. [redacted] equipment of the 7th Gds Tank Div was probably shipped to Dresden.

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3. Comment. The trucks observed in Burg probably carried equipment which had been used during the exercises of the Third Shock Army. The engineer column may have belonged to the U/i Engr Regt of the GSFG from Bernburg which also participated in the exercises and return shipments of which have not been observed so far.

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4. Comment. This was probably a firing practice of the 10th How Art'y Brig of the 6th Art'y Div or the 44th Army Art'y Brig of the Third Shock Army which are permanently stationed at Altengrabow.

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5. Comment. It cannot be determined whether units of the 66th Sig Regt of the GSFG left for small-scale exercises in the vicinity of [redacted] or if they were to participate in major exercises of other units.

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